

The Social World

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PLEDGE LOYALTY . . . Holding lighted tapers, these women pledged their loyalty to the Junior Woman's Club at initiation ceremonies held last Wednesday night at the Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave. At the extreme left are Mesdames J. A. Barrington, first vice-president and membership chairman, and Douglas P. Baldwin, who conducted the rites.

Twelve Recite Junior Woman's Pledge At Candlelight Services

In candlelight ceremony held at the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave., last Wednesday evening, 12 initiates pledged their loyalty to the Junior Woman's Club, an organization devoted to providing a cultural and social background and opportunity for social service and civic betterment for the young women of Torrance.

Participating in the rites, conducted by Mrs. Douglas P. Baldwin, president, and Mrs. J. A. Barrington, first vice-president and membership chairman, were Mesdames George M. Cambon, Howard D. Porter, Gilbert M. Armstrong, Fred M. Hansen, Clair W. Johnson, Harry M. Lewis, Robert G. Leech, Don Moyer, Robert Kerber, William R. Dickson, and Frank H. Williams; and Miss Agnes Bolter.

The initiation followed a Valentine-theme dinner arranged by Mrs. Richard Beecher and a program presented by Channon Gelsin, pianist.

Lighted red tapers tied with red and white hearts centered the tables, while at each place were red and white heart-shaped place cards and large red Valentines inscribed in white with the evening menu and surrounded by lacy doilies.

Assisting Mrs. Beecher with decorations were Mesdames Rex Welch, Claude M. Wheeler and Lawrence R. Beck.

With a supreme command of technique that was forgotten by the audience in admiration of the poetic qualities of his playing, Gelsin entertained with several Chopin numbers, including the ever-popular "Polonaise in A-flat Minor," some works of Mendelssohn, one of his own compositions, and "The Melody of the Bells," written first for violin by Paganini and adapted for piano by Liszt.

The artist was introduced by Mrs. R. R. Dexter, program chairman.

Special guests at the affair, presented by Mrs. Baldwin, were three past presidents of the club, Mesdames R. C. Morton, H. P. Jensen, and Earl Clayton; four past advisors, Mesdames C. T. Rippey, D. L. Sears, J. E. Stavert, and John Oursler; and the three present advisors, Mesdames Carl D. Steels, B. T. Whitney, and E. W. Roberts.

Activities planned by the Juniors for next week include attending an enchilada dinner, to be sponsored by the Senior Woman's Club at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, Feb. 4, and a cooking school at Frank's Furniture Store on Thursday, Feb. 5.

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High School PTA Fetes Principal

In appreciation of the service he gave to Torrance High School, the PTA executive board honored J. K. Steinbaugh, retiring principal, with a spaghetti luncheon, held last Thursday at the 1222 Acacia Ave. home of the president, Mrs. I. O. Kasten.

Presentation of a PTA gift to Steinbaugh and introductions of the new principal, W. R. Magner, and vice-principal, Dale Harter, highlighted the affair, made colorful by bouquets of carnations and light and dark orchid chrysanthemums.

Others attending were Mesdames Steinbaugh, Sam Neely, Charles Curtis, J. E. Popovich, Hugh Bowman, Edward Rhone, Elmer Moon, E. J. Jansson, Caldwell, Grover, C. Van Deventer, F. W. Lane, D. B. Kirks, A. B. Cowie, and Bernard Lee.

Ulrich To Play For Nativity Valentine Ball

Tom Ulrich and his orchestra will provide the music for the Nativity Mothers' Club annual benefit dance, to be held Saturday, Feb. 14, 8 p.m., at the Moose Clubhouse, 1744 W. Carson St., announced Mrs. Ellis Cook, chairman.

Fifty cent tickets for the affair may be obtained at the door the night of the dance or by contacting Mrs. Ellis at 3120-R after 1 p.m. Proceeds will be used for the Mothers' project of the month.

Hall decor will carry out the Valentine motif, and refreshments will be served. Assisting Mrs. Cook with arrangements are Mesdames Louie Briganti, Michael Strellich, Milton Boudreaux, and Edward Dalton.

Attendance at Catholic Daughters' Card Party Reaches Century Mark

Nearly 100 people crowded the parish hall of Nativity Catholic Church last Monday evening as Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, sponsored a card party featuring auction and contract bridge, pinocle, "500" and the canasta.

Hostesses at the event were Mesdames Frank Gately, chairman; L. R. Armstrong, G. Bowen, Ray Rogers, Joseph Rubio, Robert Alfred, and George Blahnik.

WEDDING IN MINIATURE SETS THEME FOR SHOWER HONORING DELLA HOY

A miniature wedding highlighted table decor last Tuesday evening when Mesdames Marie Koshak, Sophia Duncan, and Opal Hoy combined their talents as hostesses to honor Mrs. Hoy's daughter, Della, with a pre-nuptial shower.

Miss Hoy and her fiancé, Cpl. Harold E. Elchorn, originally planned to be married last Friday, but postponed the ceremony because his discharge from the Army had not yet been completed. No new wedding date has been set.

The Tuesday fete, held at the Koshak residence, 2334 W. 235th St., featured a miniature church aisle, formed with styrofoam stands and white ribbon, and altar of styrofoam, with an entourage of story book dolls carrying out the roles of the wedding party. Hanging over the table arrangement were white wedding bells.

When the bride-to-be had opened her last gift, guests joined in singing songs to piano accompaniment furnished by Mrs. Susie Walker.

Invited to the affair were the grill team of Torrance Camp, Royal Neighbors of America, and other members of the club. The guest list included Mesdames Mary Baker, Pat Geyer, Vertie Grimm, Lou Johnson, Ruby Larocque, Dorothy Maloy, Lucille Meyers, Velma Scanlon, Rose Shepherd, Belva Brase, Velma Norris, Lillian Nelson, Eleanor Fritz, Margaret Stevens, Cora Hill, Cordie White, and Mary Comer.

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Howard Owen, Noel G. Hayward, Betty Cochran, Katherine Cassidy, Anna McIntier, Regina Cunningham, Neil McConlogue, Forester, and Miss Marynelle Krebber, Mrs. Forester's niece, who is visiting her from Omaha, Neb.

Plans for area-wide YWCA activities will be made tomorrow when membership committees of Torrance, Wilmington, and San Pedro meet at 10 a.m. in the local Y, 2320 W. Carson.

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Children to Be Topic at Welfare Council Meet

"Protective Service for Children of Working Parents" will be the topic next Wednesday noon when Mrs. Thelma Shanks, secretary of the Public Welfare Commission, and Mrs. Irene Carver, commission consultant, address the Harbor District Welfare Council.

Site of the session will be the American Legion Hall, 1260 Broad Ave., Wilmington, said President Arthur T. Kent.



INSPECT PURCHASES . . . Miss Elsa Hammerstrom, third from left, superintendent of Torrance Memorial Hospital, and Mesdames John Beeman, Don Hyde, and Ernest G. Butt of Redondo Beach, principals on the hospital's auxiliary committee arranging the Valentine Charity Ball, look over the hospital cubicle curtains, purchased with the proceeds

from last year's ball. The group also purchased a diatherm, to be used for heat treatments, and will add more equipment to the hospital with the money raised at the Feb. 14 affair, to be held at the Hollywood Riviera Clubhouse. Ball duets may be obtained from any member of the auxiliary.

Founders' Day Is February Keynote For PTA's; Leading Citizens To Be Honored

As the first day of February dawns, PTA units all over the city are completing plans for Founders Day celebrations to be held throughout this month. At each fete, the spotlight will be on citizens who have contributed the most in child welfare work during the past year. On these deserving initiates will be bestowed the highest honor the PTA can confer—an honorable life membership.

TO RAISE FUNDS
Created at a state convention held in Los Angeles during the week of June 1, 1927, this honorary life membership plan is a means of raising additional funds for the work of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers.

When the plan was set up, a fee of \$25 was set for each membership. Two years later, the Congress allocated all proceeds to the student loan fund. The money is loaned to students above high school level who would be unable to continue higher education without financial assistance. Qualifications for such a loan are financial need, high character and personality rating, good health, and satisfactory scholastic record. The student must also have letters of recommendation from the faculty of the last school attended and a letter from a PTA member.

The total loan may not exceed \$1000 over the period of time required to complete the

student's education. It is made without interest and is repayable after the student has established earning capacity, usually after three years.

Students desiring training in business schools, special trade schools, colleges, and universities are eligible. They may select their own school, but preference is given those attending California schools.

PROGRAM EXPANDED
Amount accumulated by the Congress during the war years far exceeded sums requested by students qualifying for loans, so the educational program was expanded to include teacher education on scholarships, psychiatric and child welfare social work fellowships, and special education fellowships and scholarships.

Beginning in 1945, teacher education scholarships valuing \$50,000 per year were established. Each scholarship is \$300 a year, renewable annually for the period required to complete a training course upon assurance of continued good standing. Seniors in high school and students in college are eligible after first establishing the fact that they plan to train in California institutions and teach in the public elementary schools of California.

Technically, these grants are scholarships in the form of loans. Instead of being returned in money, they are returned by a stipulated number of years of teaching in public schools.

Psychiatric and child welfare work scholarships were set up the following year. These awards are \$1000 per year of graduate work in the field, and are limited to persons acceptable in an institution recognized by the American Association of Schools of Social Work, with the commitment to serve at least two years in the schools or non-profit agencies of California.

The program represents an attempt to provide competent professional attention for children whose mental and emotional disturbances may result in lives wrecked by delinquency or neuro-psychiatric disorders.

The special education fellowships established the same year are \$1000 to \$1200 grants for a year's training blind, deaf, mentally retarded, and crippled children. An additional \$100 is given for each in-service training at extension courses or summer sessions.

These loans, too, are repayable by one or two years of teaching in special California schools. Through the honorary life membership program, therefore, the very people who have already been so outstanding in child welfare work are not only rewarded for their meritorious service, but are given the opportunity by their PTA units to offer financial assistance to students who may in turn better the lives of the children they will teach.

Shower Fetes Adopted Mom

Something new in the way of baby showers honored Mrs. Frank H. Forester last Wednesday evening.

In anticipation of the arrival Thursday morning of two adopted sons, James, 2, and Ronald, 5, Mrs. Walter Schaefer invited a group of friends into her home, 2806 Gramercy Ave., to extend gifts and best wishes to the mother-to-be. Mrs. Keith Beck shared hostess honors.

As Mrs. Forester opened her gifts, she told the story of a dream come true, the adoption of the two young boys. When the last package was unrolled, the guests made a halo of the pastel ribbons to crown her head.

A pink floral theme complemented a cake decorated in white and green at the refreshment table.

Invited to the affair were Mesdames Wesley Megow, Robert Lewellen, Clarence Cole, Howard M. Schott, Phillip B. Clayton, Howard Lander, Jay T. Bailey, Frank Farrell, M. N. Folker, J. J. MacDonald, John Melville, Lyle J. O'Hara, Leonard Young, Clayton Bowen, Robert T. Alford.

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TRIO HELPERS CLUB TO MEET TUESDAY

Mrs. Emma Applin, 25527 Narbonne Ave., will play hostess next Tuesday morning, Feb. 3, 11 o'clock, to members of the Trio Helpers Club. A potluck luncheon and canasta party will follow the business session.

Co-op School Elects Heads

Mrs. Charles Hardinghaus will serve as president of the Torrance Cooperative Nursery Laboratory School for this year.

Elected at last Monday night's meeting, held at the Torrance High School Cafeteria, she will be assisted by Mrs. Ralph Schmidt, vice president; Mrs. William Bolton, secretary; and the incumbent, Maurice Ranson, treasurer.

Following the election, an educational hour was conducted by Mrs. Richard Jordon, director of the nursery school and instructor of the weekly parent education laboratory class. Mrs. Jordon continued her present series on discipline, discussing good and bad techniques.

The parent education class is open, free of charge, to all parents of pre-school children. Anyone wishing to enroll may do so by attending the 7 p.m. Monday meetings, held in the high school cafeteria.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1299 HOLDS BIRTHDAY FETE

Seventy-five Girl Scouts of the Fern Ave.-Greenwood PTA-sponsored Troop No. 1299, their leaders, and families gathered at the Fern Ave. cafeteria last Tuesday evening to celebrate the troop's second birthday.

Five members and a leader, Mrs. A. Krauszer, also celebrated their birthdays at the affair. The birthday girls were Susan Higdon, Barbara Krauszer, Patsy Lewis, Virginia Sandstrom, and Susan Severin.

Following dinner, the Mothers Club presented Mrs. Krauszer with a gift. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of membership stars. Those receiving awards for two-year membership were Donna Arrasmith, Joyce Cannon, Sharon Carter, Sandstrom, and Terry Tucker, while one-year awards went to Marcha Hunt, Lewis, and Carol Samson.

The entire troop entertained guests, including Mrs. Earl Brainard, field executive for this area, and her husband, with an original play and Girl Scout songs.

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Assisting Mrs. Krauszer in leading the troop are Mesdames O. Clayton and P. Bischoff.



BIRTHDAY QUINTET . . . Susan Higdon, left, hands a piece of birthday cake to Susan Severin, while Virginia Sandstrom, Barbara Krauszer, and Patsy Lewis left to right, look on. The five Girl Scouts of Troop No. 1299, sponsored by Fern Ave.-Greenwood PTA, celebrated their birthdays with the troop last Tuesday evening at a party held in the Fern Ave. cafeteria. The girls were observing the troop's second year of existence.